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Ms. Jeannette Tamayo
Regional Director
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration – Region V
230 South Dearborn Street, Ste. 3280
Chicago, IL 60604-1512

*RE: Pike County Progress Partners Application for Funding from the Public Works Grant
Program for the Entrepreneurship & Technology Center of Pike County*

Dear Ms. Tamayo:

One of my primary responsibilities as Senator from Indiana is to encourage and facilitate economic development in all regions of the state. I am pleased that Pike County Progress Partners (PCPP) is working to promote the long-term growth and prosperity of southwest Indiana with the goal of creating entrepreneurial opportunities for those living in Pike, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties. Through the development of the Entrepreneurship & Technology Center of Pike County, residents of the southwest region will have dedicated resources where concept development, testing and new business launches will be fostered. Because this effort will encourage economic diversity throughout the region, I support the application and encourage a favorable review.

As the value of technological knowledge has increased in the economy, regional economic development leaders have recognized the need to provide modern co-working space that provides access to high-tech equipment, inexpensive work areas, collaborative places and coaching opportunities. The development will also provide a dedicated space that will be used to train high school students in electrical programming. This approach will create an environment that is ready to incubate innovative businesses, and improve the quality of life for surrounding communities.

I respectfully request that you give the PCPP application full and fair consideration, in a manner consistent with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being informed when a decision about this grant is announced. Any questions and announcements can be directed to my office to Marianne Black who can be reached by email at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov, or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator